



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

Public Safety Services



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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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To: All Inflatable Companies

From: W.R. Owens, Manager
State Fire Marshal, Mechanical Safety Section

RE: Inflatable Regulations in the State of Louisiana

Inflatable rides are growing in popularity, and the number of injuries related to them is rising. The consumer product safety commission reported 1,300 injuries in 1997. Last year, that number rose to 4,900, that's about 350 percent increase in just nine years.

With this in mind, the Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is stepping up regulations of inflatable devices.

We will be verifying compliance with R.S. 1484.1 through R.S. 1484.14.

We will be creating an online data base that will list inflatable companies in compliance and not in compliance with the rules and the regulations as set forth.

I'd also like to reiterate some of the basic laws set forth for air-supported structure.

- Operator (**MEANING THREE OR MORE UNITS**).
- Safety inspection in accordance with ASTM F-24 at least annually.
- An inspection conducted and a certificate of inspection issued to an operator of the equipment.
- Verification of liability insurance or bond in the amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars.
- Requirements for notification prior to commencing operation.
- Inspection requirements during the duration of events.

If you are an operator of these devices (**MEANING THREE OR MORE UNITS**) and you cannot immediately produce a valid certificate of inspection for review, the assistant secretary shall issue a cease and desist order. Failure to honor a cease and desist order shall be punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars for each day of the violation.

With all that said I'm looking forward to some productive meetings in the future to discuss legislation alternatives that would work for everyone concerned.

I'd like to thank all of you for working with me on this matter and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Please feel free to contact me at 225-925-4297, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

W.R. Owens
Manager Mechanical Safety
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Upon receiving the enclosed letter, please sign, date and return this form to our office via fax or mail. This will enable us to verify that you have received this letter.

Your prompt assistance and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Fax number is 225-925-3813

Thank you,

W.R. Owens

I have received the inflatable regulation letter from your office.

Signature

Date

Company

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